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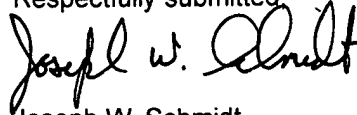
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**AMENDMENT**

Madam:

In response to the Office Action of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed November 25, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this correspondence.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this correspondence.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this correspondence and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

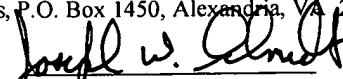
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